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SUBJECT: MISSING U.S. PRIVATE AIRCRAFT - BEEHCRAFT

DUKE A-60

REF : A) KARACHI 1979 B) NEW DELHI 12987 C) CALCUTTA 2048

1. DURING CALL ON DGCA RIZVI THIS MORNING CONCERNING OTHER MATTERS WE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN DISAPPEARANCE OF BEEHCRAFT DUKE A-60 AIRCRAFT. RIZVI CHECKED WITH HIS PEOPLE WHO CONFIRMED SEARCH OF PAK TERRITORY WAS RENEWED THIS A.M. ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDES THAT AIR SEARCH WHICH CARRIED ON SEPT 27-28 COULD EASILY HAVE MISSED DOWNED AIRCRAFT, HE BELIEVES THAT LOCAL INHABITANTS AND POLICE OR MILITARY PATROLS IN PAK TERRITORY OVER WHICH AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO FLY SHOULD BY NOW HAVE REPORTED PRESENCE OF DOWNED PLANE. RIZVI POINTED OUT PILOT WAS SCHEDULED CONTACT KARACHI AIRPORT WHEN OVER RAHIMYAR KHAN RATHER THAN RAHIMYAR KHAN ITSELF, WHICH ONLY HAS NONDIRECTIONAL RADIO BEACON AND NO VOICE RADIO FACILITIES. RIZVI SPECULATES PILOT MIGHT

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POSSIBLY HAVE TRIED SHORTCUT FROM NAWABSHAH OVER BULGE

OF RAJASTAN, WHICH IS MOST DIRECT ROUTE TO DELHI RATHER THAN GOING NORTH TO RAHIMYAR KHAN BEFORE TURNING EAST AS STILL REQUIRED BY GOI FOR SECURITY REASONS. RIZVI ALSO OBSERVES THAT EITHER FOR THIS REASON OR MALFUNCTION OF RADIO, PILOT COULD HAVE FAILED TO CHECK OUT OF KARACHI FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION WHILE STILL IN FACT PROCEEDING ON FLIGHT TO INDIAN TERRITORY. PAKS WILL CONTINUE SEARCH BUT BELIEVE GOOD CHANCE PLANE DOWN SOMEWHERE ALONG MUCH LONGER PART OF PROJECTED ROUTE TO CALCUTTA WHICH LIES OVER INDIA.

2. AT 2 P.M. LOCAL TIME SEPT 30 KARACHI FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER CALLED TO REPORT THAT PAK MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAD AGAIN SEARCHED ALONG PATH PROJECTED FLIGHT TO INDIAN BORDER BUT HAD FOUND NOTHING. FCC ALSO CONFIRMED ALL RANGER, MILITARY, POLICE, RAILWAY AND DISTRICT AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN ALERTED TO LOOK FOR PLANE.

3. FOR NEW DELHI: SUGGEST YOU REPEAT YOUR 13027
JUST RECEIVED HERE TO FAA BEIRUT.
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